

# **EQUIPPING LOCAL CHURCHES**



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# MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Prayers  
Presence  
Gifts  
Service  
Witness





# **BOOK OF DISCIPLINE**

**“The purpose of the annual conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God.”**

# 1-2-3-4 cards

- 1. We believe in making disciples**
- 2. We live by 2 kinds of holiness -  
personal and social**
- 3. We follow three simple rules:**
  - Do no harm**
  - Do good**
  - Stay in love with God**

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# **FOUR AREAS OF FOCUS**

- **Developing leaders**
- **Creating places for new people**
- **Eliminating poverty**
- **Improving health globally**

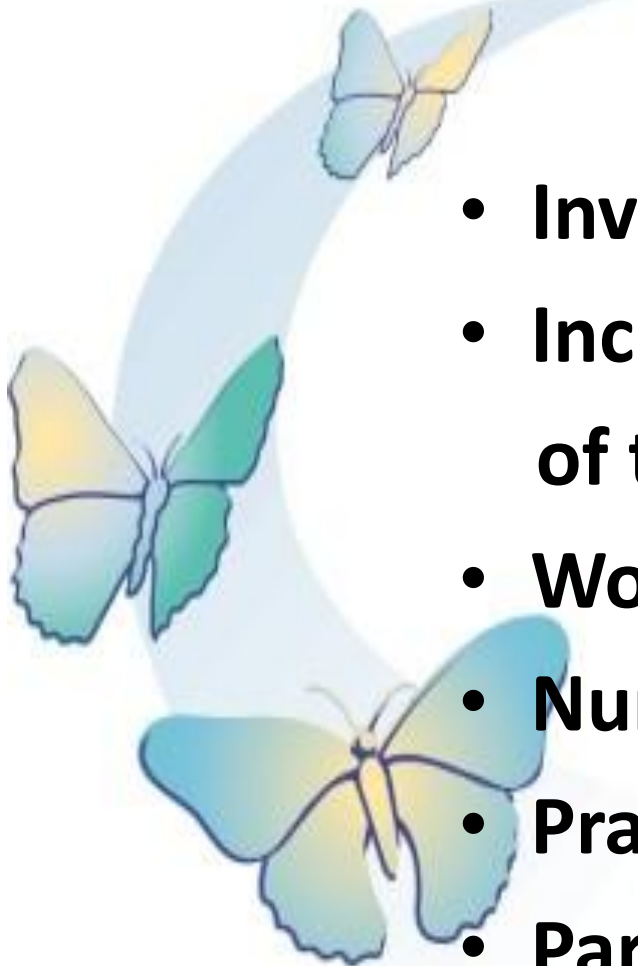
# CALL TO ACTION

- **Prevalence of small groups**
- **Empowerment of lay leadership**
- **Mix of traditional & contemporary worship**
- **Inspirational messages**
- **Effective pastoral coaching of laity**



# **A VIABLE CONGREGATION**

- **Invites people to know Christ**
- **Includes people in the fellowship of the church**
- **Worships regularly**
- **Nurtures spiritual growth**
- **Prays for one another & the world**
- **Participates in local & global mission**



# VIABLE LOCAL CHURCH



**Our  
Church  
Mission**

- Meets financial obligations
- Shares in the mission & ministry of The United Methodist Church including paying apportionments



# Opportunities & Challenges

## Natural Church Development

1. Empowering leadership
2. Gift-oriented ministry
3. Passionate spirituality
4. Functional structures
5. Inspiring worship service
6. Holistic small groups
7. Need-oriented evangelism
8. Loving relationships





# **FIVE PRACTICES OF FRUITFUL CONGREGATIONS**

- **RADICAL HOSPITALITY**
- **PASSIONATE WORSHIP**
- **INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT**
- **RISK-TAKING MISSION & SERVICE**
- **EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY**

# **EQUIPPING THE LOCAL CONGREGATION**



- **Vitality workshops - Jodi Cataldo**
- **Turn Around Boot Camp - Watertown**
- **School of Ministry - Bismarck**
- **Committee or leadership development training**



# 2011 EQUIPPING LINK



- **PASSIONATE WORSHIP**
  - Epiphany Gathering
  - School of Ministry—Church of Resurrection
  - Bishop’s Laity Gathering—Marcia McFee
- **INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT**
  - Rekindle—2011 Annual Conference –  
Lovett Weems



# **BISHOP'S LAITY GATHERING**



- **Marcia McFee at both sites**
- **Sat July 30, Sioux Falls First UMC,  
10 am-4 pm CDT**
- **Sun July 31, Bismarck McCabe  
UMC, 2:30-8:30 pm CDT**



# Leadership Institute 2011

- Church of the Resurrection –  
Leawood, KS
- Sept 28-30, 2011
- Topics such as:
  - Establishing vision
  - Leading change
  - Equipping volunteers

[www.cor.org/li2011](http://www.cor.org/li2011)

# **NEW WEB RESOURCES**

**WORSHIP DESIGN STUDIO**

**MISSION INSITE**



# United Methodists are Connected

- Missions
- Camping
- Shared resources
- Serving Native Americans





# A VIABLE CONGREGATION



- Invites people
- Makes disciples
- Worships
- Nurtures spiritual growth
- Prays
- Supports missions
- Meets financial obligations
- Shares in the mission & ministry of UMC including paying apportionments



# GOD'S CHURCH

1. Making disciples
  2. Equipping local churches
  3. Being a connectional church
- **ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD**